1901 – 2001

100

YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

New England Homes For The Deaf

C. R. Lyons & Sons, Inc.

Funeral Directors

28 Elm Street
Danvers, Ma 01923
(978) 777-7900

A hometown family
providing services to all faiths
for over
seventy years

New England Homes for the Deaf, Inc.
154 - 160 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923-3794

Phones: (978) 774-0445 VOICE
(978) 739-4010 TTY
Fax: (978) 774-0271
email: NEHomeDeaf@aol.com
www.nehomedeaf.org

Thompson House
(978) 750-6041 TTY
Voice/Fax (978) 777-8957
email: Thompse@aol.com

PRESIDENT/CEO
Judith G. Good, MSM, L.N.H.A.

OFFICERS
Chair
Ruth P. Moore

Vice Chairs
Kathleen M. Vesey
Thomas A. Boudrow

Treasurer
Daniel J. Trombley

Associate Treasurer
Eugene L. Tillock, Ed. D.

Secretary
Sharon P. Clark

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
David L. Ankeles
Jane A. Botti
Thomas A. Boudrow
Sharon P. Clark
John P. Fitzgerald
William L. Jackson
Mary J. Kelly
Ruth P. Moore
Susan V. Pedersen
Heidi L. Reed
Elizabeth Anne Ritcey
Stephen L. Sacco
Rev. Dr. W. David Thomas
Eugene L. Tillock, Ed.D.
Daniel J. Trombley
Kathleen M. Vesey
Thomas S. Walker
Melvin C. Wheeler
John J. Wilcox
Susan J. Wolf-Doumes

COUNSEL
John D. Newhall, Esq.

November 10, 2001

Dear Friends and Supporters,

On behalf of the residents and staff, it is my pleasure to welcome you to the 100th Anniversary Celebration of the New England Homes for the Deaf. We thank each of you for joining us on this momentous occasion.

NEHD may be 100 years old, but there is plenty of life still remaining. We have a bright and exciting future of service to Deaf and Deaf/blind elders. Our plans to construct a state of the art health and residential facility are well on their way to construction. Our ability to provide a wider range of services to a larger group of elders is growing. We can indeed provide the full continuum of elderly care to this great Deaf community.

This celebration has been long in planning and the result of a talented and enthusiastic committee. I'd like to thank Committee Chair Mel Wheeler for the tremendous support and direction he gave to his committee, Bob Kass for his financial expertise, Roy Brown for the beautiful program book he put together, and each of the other committee member for the time and planning they provided. You are all truly "friends" of NEHD.

I'd also like to take the opportunity to thank the outstanding board of trustees here at New England Homes for the Deaf. It is my pleasure to be a part of such a dedicated and talented group. This board is a model of how hearing and Deaf can work together to make amazing things happen.

And now let us make this evening a remembrance of the past and a celebration of the future.

Warmly,

Judith G. Good

President and CEO

New England Homes for the Deaf, Inc.
154 - 160 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923-3794

Phones: (978) 774-0445 VOICE
(978) 739-4010 TTY
Fax: (978) 774-0271
email: NEHomeDeaf@aol.com
www.nehomedeaf.org

Thompson House
(978) 750-6041 TTY
Voice/Fax (978) 777-8957
email: Thompse@aol.com

November 10, 2001

PRESIDENT/CEO
Judith G. Good, MSM, LNHA

OFFICERS
Chair
Ruth P. Moore
Vice Chairs
Kathleen M. Vesey
Thomas A. Boudrow
Treasurer
Daniel J. Trombley
Associate Treasurer
Eugene E. Tillock, Ed. D.
Secretary
Sharon P. Clark

BOARD OF TRUSTEES
David L. Ankeles
Jane A. Botti
Thomas A. Boudrow
Sharon P. Clark
John P. Fitzgerald
William L. Jackson
Mary J. Kelly
Ruth P. Moore
Susan V. Petersen
Heidi L. Reed
Elizabeth Anne Rixey
Stephen L. Sacco
Rev. Dr. W. David Thomas
Eugene E. Tillock, Ed.D.
Daniel J. Trombley
Kathleen M. Vesey
Thomas S. Walker
Melvin C. Wheeler
John J. Wilcox
Susan J. Wolf-Downes

COUNSEL
John B. Newhall, Esq.

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of New England Homes for the Deaf (NEHD), I am proud to welcome all of you to the NEHD's 100th celebration. This is a very special occasion as NEHD honors the accomplishments of the past and celebrates the future expansion and modernizing of its facilities. NEHD will continue to grow according to the needs of Deaf and Deaf/blind senior citizens.

Judith Good, the President and CEO of NEHD, is doing an excellent job in running the facility. She oversees its services and makes sure that each resident receives a high quality of care. During her administration, the Thompson House was established with 24 units. Now, she is hard at work on the development of our new building. We congratulate her and thank her for her leadership.

The staff members of New England Homes for the Deaf are dedicated to the residents. They show interest in them and provide service to them. Also, the Home's outreach program touches the lives of hundreds of other Deaf senior citizens at 5 senior centers in Massachusetts. NEHD is well known in the country due to its participation at Deaf Seniors of America conference with its exhibit and presentations every two years.

We look forward to the continuing growth of New England Homes for the Deaf with the support from the Department of Public Health, other agencies, also the town of Danvers and you. Your support is vital to NEHD.

Thanks to Mel Wheeler, the chairperson, and members of the 100th anniversary committee for their enthusiasm and time in making this event a memorable one. Enjoy the big celebration!!

Sincerely yours,

Ruth Moore

Ruth Moore, Chair

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE HOUSE • BOSTON 02133
(617) 727-3600

JANE SWIFT
GOVERNOR

November 2001

Dear Friends:

On behalf of the Commonwealth, I extend warm greetings as you gather to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of New England Homes for the Deaf.

Dedicated to serving the housing and health care needs of the Deaf and Deaf/Blind Community, New England Homes for the Deaf provides invaluable assistance to many in Massachusetts and beyond. I applaud the exceptional efforts of all those involved and commend New England Homes for the Deaf for its longstanding commitment to excellence.

Congratulations on reaching this milestone, and best wishes for an enjoyable evening.

Sincerely,

Jane Swift

EDWARD M. KENNEDY
MASSACHUSETTS

United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-2101

September 14, 2001

New England Homes for the Deaf, Inc.
154-160 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923-3794

Dear Friends,

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the New England Homes for the Deaf as the organization celebrates its 100th anniversary.

Since its inception one hundred years ago, the New England Homes for the Deaf has been instrumental in providing quality health care and a comfortable home for deaf members of the Massachusetts community. As you know, there is an ongoing struggle in the United States to provide quality health service and assisted living for both elderly and disabled members of our society. The role that the New England Homes for the Deaf has played in easing that burden for deaf residents and their families is to be highly commended. Thank you for the care and compassion you have shown over the past one hundred years and best of luck with the next one hundred!

With my very best wishes for continued success in the future,

Sincerely,

Edward M. Kennedy

2400 JFK Federal Building
Boston, MA 02203

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
MASSACHUSETTS SENATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133-1053

SENATOR FREDERICK E. BERRY
SECOND ESSEX DISTRICT
ROOM 109-D, STATE HOUSE
TEL. (617) 722-1410
FAX (617) 722-1347
E-Mail: FBerry@senate.state.ma.us

COMMITTEES:
SENATE WAYS AND MEANS (VICE CHAIRMAN)
INSURANCE
HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT
ENERGY
COUNTIES
STATE ADMINISTRATION

September 14, 2001

New England Homes for the Deaf, Inc.
154-160 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Dear New England Home for the Deaf:

I want to congratulate you on your 100th anniversary of service to the deaf community on the North Shore and across Massachusetts.

You have provided exemplary housing, healthcare and education to citizens across the Commonwealth and New England. Your innovative facility has been a true asset to our community. I am confident that the New England Home for the Deaf will thrive for years to come.

Congratulations again on your anniversary. It has been a pleasure working with you as your State Senator, and I will look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Frederick E. Berry

Frederick E. Berry
Senator, Second Essex

Jane Swift
Governor
William D. O'Leary
Secretary
Barbara Jean Wood
Commissioner

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Office of Health
and Human Services

Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing

210 South Street
Fifth Floor
Boston, MA 02111

617-695-7600 Voice
617-695-7600 TTY
617-695-7699 Fax

August 27, 2001

Ms. Judith G. Good
President and CEO
New England Homes for the Deaf, Inc.
154-160 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Dear Ms. Good:

Congratulations to you, your Board, your fine staff and, of course, your wonderful residents on reaching this 100-year anniversary milestone of the New England Homes for the Deaf, Inc.

The Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is pleased to have been a partner with the NEHD in helping meet the needs of our deaf elders through our systems advocacy within state government for licensing and regulatory matters.

Like the NEHD, we are committed to serve for our deaf and hard of hearing senior citizens, not only through systems advocacy, but also through co-case management activities with other state agencies and particularly in partnership with the Executive Office of Elder Affairs. We envision greater services to deaf and hard of hearing seniors in the future as a result.

We are also committed to support the National Deaf Senior Citizens Conference in 2003 as deaf senior citizens gather to celebrate their uniqueness and learn of resources and services. We are pleased to be a part of that effort as well.

We look forward to the completion of the facility construction program as NEHD continues to grow and expand capabilities and services to the senior citizens of New England.

Sincerely,

BJ Wood

Barbara Jean "BJ" Wood
Commissioner

TOWN OF DANVERS

Wayne P. Marquis, Town Manager

Town Hall, Sylvan Street
Danvers, Mass. 01923
Telephone: (978) 777-0001
Fax (978) 777-1025

September 20, 2001

Judith G. Good
President & CEO
New England Homes for the Deaf, Inc.
154-160 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923-3794

Dear Judith:

On behalf of the Board of Selectmen and all the residents of Danvers, I wish to congratulate the New England Homes for the Deaf on the anniversary of their 100th year of service in the New England region.

For all of your efforts in serving the housing and health care needs of deaf and deaf/blind persons, you and all of your many support personnel deserve our profound thanks. I have every expectation that your celebration will provide an occasion for family, friends, and benefactors to celebrate all that you have achieved. Please include our best wishes as well.

Sincerely,

Wayne P. Marquis
Town Manager

WPM:af

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF

814 THAYER AVENUE • SILVER SPRING, MARYLAND • 20910-4500
HEADQUARTERS: 301-587-1788 VOICE • 301-587-1789 TTY • 301-587-1791 FAX
BOOKSTORE: 301-587-6282 VOICE • 301-587-6283 TTY • 301-587-4873 FAX

Greetings!

On behalf of the Board of Directors, membership and staff of the National Association of the Deaf (NAD), I would like to extend heartfelt congratulations on the 100th anniversary of the founding of New England Homes for the Deaf.

The New England Homes for the Deaf has an extensive and proud legacy, with a rich heritage encompassing years of successful service to the deaf community. From its humble beginnings in 1901, the New England Homes for the Deaf filled a need that no others were willing to provide, serving the housing and health care needs for the deaf and the deaf-blind in the entire New England area. The world today is a very different place than it was in 1901, but the New England Homes for the Deaf has remained as steadfast and committed as ever to upholding the mission it started a century ago.

It is a remarkable milestone these days to celebrate a century of service – high hands of applause for this outstanding accomplishment as well as for being chosen as the winner of the 1997 National Organization on Disability Award, sponsored by the National Organization on Disabilities and the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging and is funded by J.C. Penney, Inc.

Best wishes for a successful 100th year celebration!

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Pollard

Elizabeth Pollard
President

New England Homes for the Deaf is privileged to have a Board of Trustees with a rich background of skills. Each member contributes according to his or her own area of expertise

David L. Ankeles, J.D., Topsfield, MA, Attorney

Jane A. Botti, Concord, MA, Retired Teacher of the Deaf

Thomas A. Boudrow, A.A., Peabody, MA, Executive Director, MSAD

Sharon P. Clark, M.Ed. Topsfield, MA, Teacher of the Deaf

John P. Fitzgerald, J.D., Marblehead, MA, Attorney

William L. Jackson, Malden, MA, Retired Mass Executive Office of Elder Affairs

Mary J. Kelly, Wenham, MA, Director Danvers Social Services

Ruth P. Moore, M.A., Hadley, MA, Senior Advocacy & Trainer

Susan V. Pedersen, West Hartford, CT, Communications Officer Connecticut Commission on Deaf & Hard of Hearing

Heidi L. Reed, M.A., East Roxbury, MA Executive Director DEAF, Inc.

Elizabeth Anne Ritcey, M.S.R.N.C., Peabody, MA, Director Transitional Planning, MA Dept. of Health & Human Services

Stephen L. Sacco, Saugus, MA, Certified Public Accountant

Rev. Dr. David W. Thomas, Haverhill, MA, President of Bethany Homes Elder Housing

Eugene E. Tillock, Ed.D., Durham, NH, retired Nursing Home Administrator

Daniel J. Trombley, Waltham, MA, Vice President of Finance Holyoke Mutual Insurance Company

Kathleen M. Vesey, M.B.A., Haverhill, MA, Director Gallaudet University Regional Center

Thomas S. Walker, B.S., Manchester, MA, Retired Engineer

Melvin C. Wheeler, Lowell, MA, Retired Logistics & Maintenance Analyst

John F. Wilcox, Needham, MA, Teacher of the Deaf

Susan Wolf-Downes, B.S., Marlboro, MA, Executive Director, New Hampshire Deaf & Hard of Hearing Services

100TH Anniversary - WOW!!! I recall many years ago, I visited Mrs. Fish at the home when I was a youngster. It was so dark and antiquated, and consisted of scarcely ten residents. Now it has undergone a "renaissance" of sorts, under the remarkable leadership of Eddy Laird, and Judith Good after him. Things have prospered since, and my wish is that New England Homes continue to prosper and the residents remain happy for many years to come.

It has been my pleasure to be in charge of this once in a lifetime event for the New England Homes. Most importantly, I would like to convey my thanks to my small committee who spent many hours sharing ideas and enthusiasm, and I hope you will do the same.

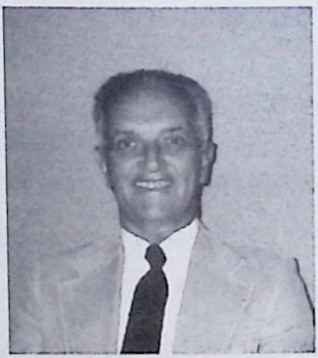
Also we, the committee, want to express our appreciation to the residents of Thompson House for letting us use a room there for our meetings.

This program book is dedicated to the two people who deserve to be honored for their services to the Homes for many years - John Newhall and Richard Thompson, and we are truly happy to do that.

I look forward to seeing you all, and I am sure we will have a great time. When you leave, my committee and I hope you will have fond memories of this event.

Sincerely,

Melvin Wheeler
Chairperson

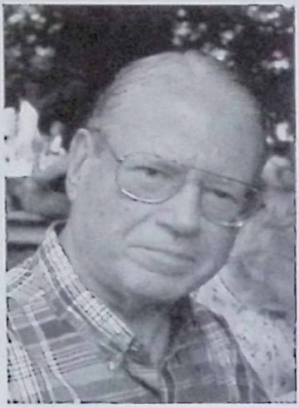


THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY COMMITTEE

Front row, l - r: Robert Kass, treasurer; Janice Freedman, banquet; Judith Good, liaison; Melvin Wheeler, chairperson; Kimball Nash, advertising.

Back row, l -r: The Rev. Roy F. Brown, program book; Eunice Fox, secretary; Jane Botti, registrations; Helene Wheeler, luncheon; Marybeth Hunter, community relations; Columbus Mazzola, chapel service.

Community Leadership Award
Richard Thompson, Ph.D.



Dr. Richard Thompson is affectionately known as the "Deaf Father of Massachusetts" as he was responsible for so many of the Deaf and hard of hearing services we now take for granted in this state. He retired as a psychologist, having attended Harvard University prior to the days when an interpreter was available. He worked for the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts. He also taught psychology at several colleges and universities included Smith College.

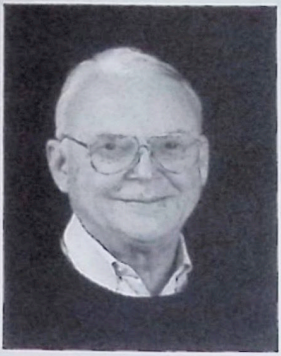
Dick started the Massachusetts Office on Deafness (MOD) which later became know as the Massachusetts Commission for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. Along with other concerned educators, Dick was responsible for establishing the first high school program for Deaf in Massachusetts at Newton North High School.

In the early 1980s, the Board of Trustees of New England Homes for the Deaf approached Dick to work with them on the future of NEHD. From that time forward, he was vitally concerned with the quality of life for Deaf elders. He served as Chair of the Building Committee that oversaw the construction of the Thompson House, which was named in his honor. He became the homes' first Deaf President.

Dick was so actively involved in improving the lives of Deaf people across the state that there is hardly a Deaf "baby boomer" who does not tell stories of how "Dr. T." influenced their lives. He was our counselor, our role model and our friend. The Massachusetts State Association for the Deaf has a lifetime achievement award named in honor of him.

On behalf of New England Homes for the Deaf, we are proud to honor Dr. Richard Thompson with the Community Service Award.

BOARD LEADERSHIP AWARD
John B. Newhall



John Newhall joined the board of New England Homes for the Deaf in 1964 at the urging of his landlord, Stephen Phillips. Mr. Phillips, Board President at that time, convinced John that his "legal" expertise was much needed by the home. It turns out that John's "legal" expertise was just the beginning of the gifts John was to give New England Homes.

John has served as President, Vice President, Legal Counsel, Financial Advisor, Maintenance/Renovation Consultant, and Historian. His most important role, however, has been as a "friend" to the Deaf and Deaf/blind elder population of residents, staff and board members. John is someone who "understands" as Deaf people would sign and "gets it" as hearing folks would say. He has been the first to advocate for Deaf Leadership, for visual accessibility, for outreach to the Deaf Community. He attended some of the very first MSAD meetings in order to learn what it was the Deaf Community expected from New England Homes for the Deaf. He brought that message back to the board and continued to keep the community in our minds. During meetings, John sometimes offers his legal advice on various issues and courses of action, but, always, he reminds members of our mission and the vision we share for Deaf and Deaf/blind elders.

As a true leader, John has spent thousands of hours in meetings working to benefit Deaf elders. He was among the very first to advocate for a new building and, when that was not possible, was actively involved in the renovations at the old Victorian structure. Back in the 1980s, he was insistent on the visual safety and signal systems that Deaf residents and staff now take for granted. In the 1990s, he was adamant that conduits be installed at the Thompson House so that the building would accommodate the new technologies that will benefit residents.

It is with great pride and affection that we honor John P. Newhall for his 38 years of dedicated board leadership.

LIFETIME SERVICE AWARD
ALEX SWINIARSKI

Alex Swiniarski began his career with New England Homes for the Deaf in 1952 and has been the steady force behind caring for the property and building for 49 years. Now-a-days, at the very young age of 91, Alex continues to mow grass, plow snow, trim shrubs, work his garden, and do whatever is asked of him. Alex knows where everything is located and how it works. Whenever a repair is needed, Alex is the first to assist. He also makes sure that the building is safely locked up each evening.

Alex is a wealth of history. He remembers all the residents and staff for the past 49 years. He used to help set up the famous FRAT Picnics. He took care of the cows and chickens and supplied residents with fresh dairy products and vegetables; he kept the furnaces full of coal. Whatever is asked of Alex, he is happy to oblige.

Alex is a "background" kind of person. He is never in the spotlight. Always around when help is needed, he is quick to disappear when things are under control. He is shy about accepting praise; he, however, has contributed his time, energy and devotion, as well as his money, to make New England Homes for the Deaf an attractive and a comfortable place to live.

We take pride in honoring Alex Swiniarski for his lifetime of dedicated service to New England Homes for the Deaf.

"THE NEW ENGLAND HOMES FOR THE DEAF IS LIKE AN OLD NEW ENGLAND INN"

Over the years, many people have written to tell us how we have helped a family member or a loved one. We would like to share some of these sentiments with you.

So many times, I recall the wonderful time spent visiting the New England Home for the Deaf. The whole place exudes warmth, welcome and cheer.

Stella-Mae Seamans

Specialized housing in which accessible communication and socialization is critical to reducing the extreme isolation that elderly and solitary Deaf and Deaf-blind people would otherwise face. These people need the communication enhanced housing opportunity that the New England Homes for the Deaf has the foresight to pursue.

Heidi L. Reed, Executive Director of D.E.A.F., Inc.

I would like to thank you for the sensitive and caring manner you showed toward Dad and me. Allowing Dad to remain at "home" was so important to Dad and his wife. It allowed them to be together and enjoy what time was left and allowed Dad to pass away quietly in familiar surroundings with dignity. I will always be grateful.

A resident's daughter.

Thank you to our Sponsors:

Platinum

Judith Good and Charles J. Elia
Stephen L. Sacco, Business Resources

Gold

SBA/Steffian Bradley Associates
Stocker Oil Company
Dr. and Mrs. David A. Kolb
Massachusetts State Association of the Deaf

Silver

Woodstock Corporation
Lyons Ambulance Service
Holyoke Mutual Insurance Company in Salem
Ruth and Winchell Moore

Bronze

Consuelo Isaacson, Consultant
Kathleen M. Vesey
June and Francis Botti
The McDonough Family
Dan and Betty Trombley
Massachusetts Deaf Senior Citizens Center, Brookline
Thomas S. Walker
Thomas and Maureen Boudrow

Patrons

C. R. Lyons & Sons, Inc.
Helene and Melvin C. Wheeler
Barbara and Kimball Nash
Raymond and Heidi Reed
The Rev. Roy F. Brown
Susan Wolf-Downes

Supporters

Betty Ann and Robert A. Kass
Pelletier Rug Company
Ruth Brown
Donald Tucker
June Flaherty
Clara and Andy Scancarello
Janice and Shelly Freedman
Columbus and Lorraine Mazzola
Norman and Cynthia Pierce
William Jackson

A special thank you to:

... the residents of NEHD for making the beautiful centerpieces for the banquet.

... the residents of Thompson House for providing space for the 100th Anniversary Committee meetings.

... Danversport Bakery for their donation of the anniversary cake, muffins and donuts.

... Tom Beaulieu for providing the bird house

... Conway Funeral Home, Peabody for providing chairs for the day.

... our volunteer interpreters, for providing communication access to all.

... the NEHD staff for their dedication and commitment..

... the Rev. Michael Medas for the use of his church building for the bingo party.

... the 100th Anniversary Committee for their time and hard work in making this day possible.

... the many people whose names are not listed here for their support and encouragement in making this day possible.

OUR ENTERTAINERS -

Janis Cole (photo right) Deaf, attended Bell School in Chicago. Graduated from NTID/RIT in Social Work. Worked with National Theatre of the Deaf for one year doing "The Three Musketeers". She was on Broadway and in the national tour of "Children of a Lessor God". Boston Theatre of the Deaf productions of "Taking Turns', The Curve" at Suffolk University and many others.

Presently, a Boston University faculty member in the Deaf Studies program, her strong interest in combining literacy and creative arts led her to co-found and Co-Artistic Director of Pah! Deaf Youth Theatre at Wheelock Family Theatre, free-lance CDI interpreter, ASL consultant at Boston Center for Deaf and Hard of hearing children and Creative Arts consultant at The Learning Center for Deaf Children in Framingham.

Lana Cook (photo left) Deaf, is from an all-Deaf family in Minnesota. She graduated from Gallaudet University with a B.A. degree in Communication Arts. Moved to Boston, Mass. in 1992. Completed at Boston University with an M.A. in Education in January 2001. Currently, she is working for Warren's Landscaping, an ASL teacher at Boston University and ASL consulting for theaters.

Her theater experiences include MSAD's "New England School for the Deaf 20th Class Reunion" and "Silent Cry". She also participated as a stage manager for the Boston Center of the Arts - Theater Offensive's "Meet Me in the Light" directed by Patrick McCarthy.

She is proud of her parents who were actively involved in hosting the Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) convention in Minnesota this past September and is also proud of the fact that her father, Bob Cook, is elected as Vice President of DSA.

NEW ENGLAND HOMES FOR THE DEAF
PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The New England Homes for the Deaf is the only agency in New England that serves the health and housing needs of culturally Deaf and Deaf/blind elders. Its services include both residential and community-based outreach programs.

Residential Services - The New England Homes for the Deaf currently has 55 people in its residential programs, nine of whom are Deaf/blind. These individuals come from all six New England states as well as other states across the country.

Independent Living - The agency's 24-unit Thompson House is especially designed for the elderly Deaf and Deaf/blind. Three of the units are also wheelchair accessible. The building has won numerous awards for its innovative use of technology, including visual and tactile security and signaling devises. Larger than normal community spaces give residents the ability to gather together frequently to socialize.

Deaf/blind residents enjoy a high level of independence through the use of a vibrating beeper-type system which alerts them to fire and smoke alarms, as well as doorbells and telephone signals. They are trained in tactile forms of communication, Braille and mobility. The agency is working with the Danvers Disability Commission to install auditory and vibrating walk signals at its crossing so that these residents will be able to enjoy an even higher level of independence. The Homes also works closely with consultants from the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.

Health Care - The long-term care facility is licensed by the Department of Public Health and provides care for those who are unable to live alone and who require 24-hour nursing, dietary, social services, housekeeping and recreational services. Six of the residents are also deaf and blind. The North Shore Visiting Nurses Association provides physical and occupational therapies. The agency recently received an outstanding rating from the DPH.

Community Outreach Services - the New England Homes for the Deaf is particularly sensitive to the social needs of Deaf seniors who are living in area communities. The agency realizes that they do not benefit from attending local Councils on Aging programs where English is the predominant language. Thus, they are willing to travel great distances to socialize with other Deaf seniors.

Senior Centers - To accommodate the needs of the elderly Deaf and Deaf/blind, the New England Homes for the Deaf sponsors five senior citizen centers in eastern Massachusetts: Worcester, Brookline, Quincy, Lawrence and Danvers. These social centers act very much like regular Councils for the Aging, except that all communication occurs through American Sign Language. These centers serve as meeting places for community-based Deaf seniors who come to enjoy social activities and hot meals. The Homes, with supplemental funding from several of the local Area Agencies on Aging, provides transportation, health education and screenings, advocacy and home visitations.

Education & Training - The Senior Centers, staffed with coordinators who are fluent in ASL, provide training to the greater network of aging service providers on topics related to deafness, technology, communication and access issues. They offer workshops for staffs of the local levels of Elder Services, the Council on Aging staff and hospital personnel. Each center operates with its own board of directors and officers who gear programs to fit the needs of their population.

Communications - New England Homes also publishes a bi-monthly community-focused newsletter, *The Golden Times*, to keep seniors up-to-date on area events and well-informed on issues relating to aging and health care. The New England Homes has identified more than 700 Deaf seniors in the eastern section of Massachusetts and is continually reaching out to others who currently are unidentified.

Future - The staff is currently hard at work designing and planning for the construction of a 60-bed nursing facility for frail Deaf and Deaf/blind seniors. The building will feature the ability to use closed circuit television for communication access between health care personnel and residents, as well as between residents themselves. As in the Thompson House, all safety and signaling systems will be visual. The agency is also working with area religious communities to secure funding to include a non-denominational chapel on site.

Residents:

Front row, l-r:
Lena Greco, Eva Montero, Bea Steckel, Carl Shaffer, Sylvan Levin, Marion MacDonald, Jeannette Convey, Mary Waldron, Ruth Clarke (with Abby), Gordon Clarke

Second row, l-r:
Henry Hoffman, Lionel Shaw, Agatha Mosco, Elsa Zimmermann, Mary Lemoie, Marjorie Craig, Dunbar Harris, Rita Brown, Genevieve Loughlin, Barbara Reininger

Third row, l-r:
Vinnie Benfante, Mary Sherillo, Joe MacDonald, Nick Daddona, William O'Grady, Myra Glaszcz, Lois Finnochiaro, Henry Finnochiaro, Claire Newell

Not pictured: Judy Bolivar

FAMILY 2001

Staff:

Front row, l-r:
Nadine Manzi, Tarsha Dignan, Darlene Gness, Nancy Ford, Deb Duvall, Karen Powers (with Abby)

Second row, l-r:
Carol Gannett, Ruth Ann McCashland, Neville Samson, Claire Samson, Alfred Oliver

Third row, l-r:
Ho-Anh Tran, Debra Webster, Bruce Bearse, Rose LaRocque, Wanda Hutchinson, Barbara Mower, Bill Mahoney, Edgar Thompson, Judith Good, Penny Donahue, Marybeth Hunter

Not pictured: Laurie Grenier, Dan Lane, Dolly Pennell, Tricia Quinton, Larry Whittemore, Carol Hilbinger, Stephanie Cambece, Patti Feda, Debra Lobsitz

New England Homes for the Deaf 1901 - 2001

On March 7, 1901, the Rev. Dr. S. Stanley Searing, friend of the Rev. Thomas Gallaudet, oldest son of the Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, who helped establish the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Connecticut, met with a group of four men to discuss the need to establish a retirement home for the Deaf and Deaf/Blind elders who lived in New England. By May 6 that same year six more interested investors had joined the group and a legal corporation called New England Home for Deaf Mutes (NEDM) was formed. NEDM voted to open a retirement home as soon as $500.00 was raised and a home could be found for no more than $50.00 a month. Two Deaf elders were placed with a Deaf couple at 273 Cambridge Street in Allston.

In 1903, NEDM rented the house and hired a matron to look after the two residents. By the summer of 1905 the home was filled to capacity with 11 residents and had a waiting list of six more.

In October of 1905 the corporation, NEDM, purchased a new and larger home at 112 Fremont Avenue in Everett and the residents and their matron moved to their new location on October 19, 1905. A Board of Trustees was formed to oversee the operation of the new home.

By the 1920s the Everett home was facing

overcrowding, with up to three residents in one room. It became clear that a fund-raising campaign was needed to either build or buy a new facility. The Board of Trustees planned to build an annex to the existing property in Everett. The Deaf community did not approve because the Everett home was only on one acre of land. The Deaf community felt a larger piece of property was necessary to meet the future needs of the Deaf and Deaf/Blind seniors of New England. So, a search began for a larger property, either an existing structure or land to build.

On June 1, 1924, a fund-raising campaign was begun for the building fund for a new location, with a goal of $100,000.00. One year later only $57,073.72 had been raised, but the Board of Trustees were ready to go ahead and on June 1, 1925 "Riverbank" at 154 Water Street in Danvers was purchased from John Frederick Hussey and became what is now the New England Homes for the Deaf.

Mr. Hussey had become interested in the services of the New England Homes for the Deaf after meeting Ms. Helen Keller and her life-long teacher and interpreter, Anne Sullivan Macy. Mr. Hussey showed his endorsement of the work of the Home by selling "Riverbank" and three acres of land for less than half the normal selling price and also donated an additional $5,000.00 to the building fund.

In 1926 what was then called the Salem Society of Deaf Mutes was honored for its longstanding support of the work of the NEHD when the large stone garage on the property was converted to a

meeting room and was dedicated as "Salem Hall," which continues to be the fellowship room to today.

In 1927 the land between the Home's property and the Waters River was purchased and a new infirmary in a separate new building was erected in 1929. Between 1946 and 1952 Mr. Hussey and his wife Bessie deeded several pieces of adjoining land to the Home, creating an attractive and secure setting for future expansion.

In more recent years, under the leadership of Judith Good, who first joined the New England Homes for the Deaf in 1987 as director of Residential Services and then became President and Chief Executive Officer in 1992, a challenging development plan has been undertaken. The lovely Victorian mansion which houses the residential program was remodeled in 1992 and in 1997 The Thompson House was opened.

The Thompson House is the first independent living facility for low income Deaf and Deaf/blind elders in New England. The 24-unit building has won numerous awards, including the Best Small Freestanding Assisted Living facility from the Assisted Living Facilities of America. It has also received an honorable mention from the National Council on Senior Housing.

Plans are well underway for the construction of a new 60-bed residential facility on the property between the present buildings and the river. The building will incorporate the latest technology to provide complete communication access for all the staff and residents for their safety and comfort.

The dream of a handful of people 100 years ago which began in a rented house in Allston has not only become a reality, but has surpassed anything those dedicated people could imagine. The many people who have worked in support of the New England Homes for the Deaf over this past 100 years and those who continue today can be proud of all that has been accomplished and will be in the years to come.

CONGRATULATIONS!

The Gallaudet University Regional Center
at
Northern Essex Community College wishes

The New England Homes for the Deaf
CONGRATULATIONS ON ITS
100TH ANNIVERSARY!!!

Congratulations on 100 years of dedicated service!

Deaf-Blind Contact Center
215 Brighton Avenue
Allston, MA 02134
(617) 254-4925 TTY (617) 816-5809 Voice
dbcc_ma@yahoo.com

Deaf Community Center

Catholic Charities

A community center offering opportunities for deaf people of all faiths to meet their religious, social, educational and communications needs through worship, counseling, and community life.

Serving the Deaf Community Since 1972

75 Bethany Road
Framingham, MA 01702

508 875-3617 (V/TTY)
Fax: 508 875-0354

email: deafcomcenter@compuserve.com

St. Joseph's Chapel

Fr. John Fitzpatrick Celebrates
Mass in Voice & Sign • 1st & 3rd Sundays

Deaf Senior Wellness Program

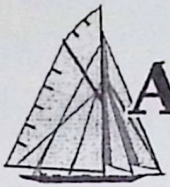
- Sunday Socials • Blood Pressure Clinics
- Bus Trips • E-mail Stations & Instruction
- Health/Educational/Technology Workshops

Congratulations to New England Homes for the Deaf on 100 years of outstanding service!

Stephen L. Sacco, EA
Business Resources

Accounting & Tax Services
for Individuals & Small Businesses

99 Walnut Street, Suite D-1, Saugus, MA 01906
(781) 231-2451 Voice ☎ (781) 231-5634 TTY ☎ (781) 231-5601 FAX



ADMIRAL'S
ON THE HARBOR

SEAFOOD * STEAKS * LOBSTER

Serving one of the North Shores best menus.

Enjoy a stroll through the gardens along with a beautiful view of the harbor.

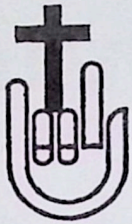
Complete Function Facilities

Open to the Public Year Round

DANVERSPORT YACHT CLUB

161 Elliott St. (Rt.62) Danvers
(978) 774-8620

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH OF THE DEAF



18 Williston Rd Brookline, MA 02445

the Episcopal Conference of the Deaf

and

the Diocese of Massachusetts

CONGRATULATIONS

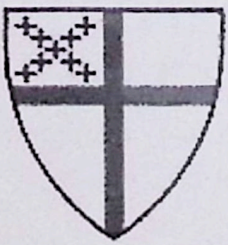
TO NEW ENGLAND HOMES FOR THE DEAF

FOR 100 YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE

DEAF COMMUNITY

(617) 734-6078 TTY (617) 738-0193 VOICE (617) 738-0197 FAX

StAndrewsDeaf@aol.com



THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH WELCOMES YOU

Congratulations
and
Best Wishes
to the
New England Homes for the Deaf
on the occasion of

Its 100th Anniversary Celebration

New England Deaf Senior Citizens
Host
Deaf Seniors Of America, Inc. Conference
Boston Marriott Copley Place
Boston, Massachusetts
May 20-25, 2003

1901-2001

MASSACHUSETTS COMMISSION FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

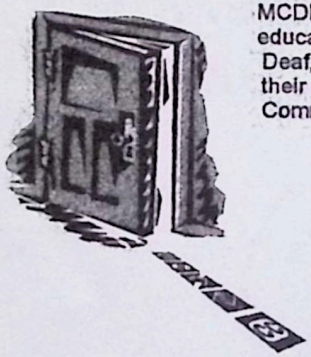
salutes the

New England Homes for the Deaf

on their 100th Anniversary

We enhance the lives of our Commonwealth's Senior Citizens by providing the following services...

OPENING DOORS TO COMMUNICATION



Mission Statement:

MCDHH is the principal agency providing leadership education, advocacy and direct services to empower Deaf, late deafened and hard of hearing individuals and their families in receiving equitable opportunities in the Commonwealth.

Communication Access, Training, and Technology Services:

Provides public education; communication access training for agencies, organizations, businesses, municipal, federal and state government offices, hospitals and clinics, medical and legal schools, correctional institutions, continuing education programs for service providers with deaf or hard of clients and others.

Department of Interpreter and CART Services:

Provides a statewide Interpreter and CART Referral Service, an After-hours Emergency Interpreter Service, an Interpreter Screening Services, Interpreter and CART Provider trainings, consultations, technical assistance and presentations about interpreter services and recommendations of standards for qualifications of interpreters.

Case Management

Case Managers are professionals, fluent in Sign Language, who understand hearing loss issues and connect Deaf, hard of hearing, and late-deafened clients with needed services. Case Managers provide counseling, guidance, and case coordination so that clients can be empowered to equally participate in society. Case Managers advocate for more services and better access to services and work to educate agencies about Deaf culture, rights of people with hearing loss, and communication needs.

150 Mount Vernon Road, Suite 500 · Boston, Massachusetts 02125
(617) 740-1600 Voice · (617) 740-1700 TTY
Our website: http://www.state.ma.us/mcdhh

MCDHH

CONGRATULATIONS

FROM THE

FRIENDS OF THE HOME

For those who are interested in participating as a member please write a check or money order for $5.00 dollars to

Friends of the Home
and mail to
Lorraine Mendez
22 Forest Street
Malden, MA 02148

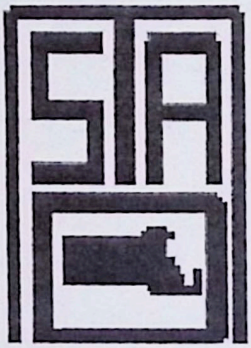
THE RESIDENTS OF THE NEW ENGLAND HOMES FOR THE DEAF WILL APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY FOR THEIR BIRTHDAYS AND HOLIDAYS

CONGRATULATIONS

New England Homes for the Deaf

For 100 years of Service to The Senior Citizens

And Still Growing. . .



Massachusetts State Association of the Deaf

220 Main Street, Malden, MA 021498 **143 Dwight Street, Springfield, MA 01103**
TTY: 781-388-9115 Voice: 781-388-9114 Fax: 781-388-9015
MSADEAF@aol.com

Executive Director: Thomas Boudrow

President: Yvonne Dunkle
Secretary: Lewana Clark
Treasurer: Chris McQuaid

Directors:
Sue Philip Scott Shupert Rita Straubhaar Gregg Spera Joel Joseph Mark Sommer

DEVELOP A GAME PLAN FOR YOUR FINANCIAL FUTURE

Jeffrey V. Leach is a deaf financial advisor with Allmerica Financial. Allmerica Financial is a financial services firm with over 155 years of experience. By working together, we can help you achieve your financial goals. We provide comprehensive and pro-active financial services in the areas of:

- **Retirement Planning**
- **Estate Planning**
- **Investments**
- **College Planning**
- **Tax Planning**
- **Insurance**

Score points for yourself, call for more information today!

ALLMERICA FINANCIAL®

To schedule your appointment, please contact
Jeffrey V. Leach, MBA at
Allmerica Financial
100 Fifth Avenue
Waltham, MA 02451
Toll Free TTY: 877-882-2114 Voice: 781-890-6222 ext. 311
Fax: 781-890-5624 Email: jvleach@afs.allmerica.com

Financial advisor is also a Registered representative offering securities through Allmerica Investments, Inc. member NASD/SIPC.

01-1284N(10/01)

STOCKER OIL CO.

1-800-470-5180

CONGRATULATIONS

ON YOUR

100TH ANNIVERSARY

1901 - 2001

CONGRATULATIONS

TO THE

NEW ENGLAND HOMES
FOR THE DEAF

FOR

100 YEARS OF SERVICE

TO THE DEAF COMMUNITY

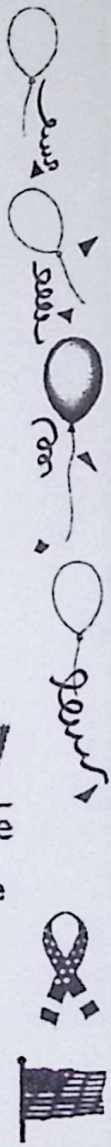
www.holyokemutual.com

Congratulations

New England Home
for the Deaf
on your
100th Anniversary
Celebration
November 10, 2001

MassRelay
Massachusetts Relay Service

Massachusetts Relay Service
220 Main Street
Malden, MA 02148
800-439-0415 TTY
781-388-2435 FAX
Outreach@massrelay.org
www.massrelay.org



J. P. CAMPBELL INC. Plumbing & Heating

61-63 Elm Street, Danvers, MA 01923

(978) 777-2808 FAX (978) 777-1172

Master License #9050

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations and Best Wishes

to the

New England Homes for the Deaf

from

South Shore Deaf Senior Citizens Center

11 Hollis Street

Quincy, MA 02171

Established 1985

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR
100TH ANNIVERSARY
from
NORTH SHORE DEAF SENIOR CITIZENS
154 Water Street
Danvers, MA 01923

Established 1985

DUNAJSKI DAIRY, INC.
28 BUXTON LANE
PEABODY, MA 01960

CONGRATULATES

THE NEW ENGLAND HOMES FOR THE DEAF

100 YEARS

1901 - 2001

Heartiest Congratulations and

Best Wishes to

New England Homes for the Deaf

on your 100th Anniversary

from

Massachusetts Deaf Senior Citizens Center

18 Williston Road

Brookline, MA 02445

Established 1975

CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

COAST
MAINTENANCE SUPPLY COMPANY

4 Electronics Avenue
Danvers MA 01923
978-777-9993
800-809-9013
fax 978-777-5522

Bill Harrington

Visit us at www.coastmaint.com or
Danvers Industrial Park • U.S. Route 1 - South

"Coast to Coast Maintenance & Facility Supplies"

Congratulations and Warmest Wishes from all of us at D.E.A.F. Inc!

D.E.A.F. inc

215 Brighton Ave, Allston, MA 02134 • (617) 254-4041 V/TTY • (617) 254-7091 Fax • (800)886-5195 V/TTY • DEAFINC@aol.com
• Visit our website! http://deafinconline.tripod.com

- Deaf and Hard of Hearing Independent Living Services (IL)
- Health Outreach, Education, and Prevention (HOPE) including HIV/AIDS Information and Peer Counseling
- Adult Education, Shared Reading, and Special Projects
- English and computer tutoring
- Financial Aid for equipment and services
- Vocational/Academic/Communication Evaluations and Job Support
- Interpreter Mentorship Program
- Deaf-Blind Community Access Network (DBCAN)

Proud to be affiliated with United Way of Massachusetts Bay

The Officers, Board of Trustees, residents and staff of the New England Homes for the Deaf give their heartfelt thanks to North Shore Hearing Center, Charles Elia and Judith Good for their donation of our beautiful new sign.

1901 - 2001

CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE
HORACE MANN ALUMNI

For those who are interested in taking a trip with
HMAA CRUISE to BERMUDA on MAY 12, 2002
Please contact Mary Dickinson (508) 583-0817 TTY
or Ruth Collari (508) 655-6891 TTY

CONGRATULATIONS

ON YOUR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

CENTRAL MASS DEAF SENIOR CENTER

695 Southbridge St.
Worcester, Ma 01610
Established 1989

IN MEMORY OF MY MOTHER

ESTHER P. SANDLER

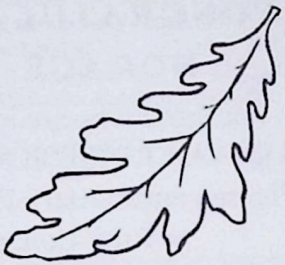
BEA LIPSKY and FAMILY

Congratulations
New England Homes
for the Deaf
on your
100 years
of quality service and
dedication.
Sincerely,
Sharon & Hank Clark

BEST WISHES
FROM

RODNEY K. KUNATH

NORTHAMPTON, MASSACHUSETTS



Congratulations and Best Wishes
to the
New England Homes for the Deaf
from
Merrimack Valley
Deaf Senior Citizens Center

198 South Broadway Street
Lawrence, MA 01842

Established 1991

In loving memory of

Rev. Walter A. and Hazel Thomas

Howard and Leota Elms

Rev. S. Glenn Thomas

by

Rev. W. David and Patricia Thomas

David A. Frank, RFC, MBA

Lee R. Kramer, CFP, CFS, RFC, MBA

Danny C. Lacey, MA

ARE YOU PLANNING FOR YOUR FUTURE...

A firm of financial experts with 20 years combine experience is Eager to work with you to provide strategic and meaningful financial solutions.

We offer the following services:

- ❖Stocks*
- ❖Bonds*
- ❖Mutual Funds*
- ❖IRA and Roth IRA
- ❖Life Insurance
- ❖Long Term Care
- ❖Disability Planning
- ❖Retirement Planning
- ❖College Planning
- ❖Estate Planning

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact us at:

KRAMER FINANCIAL INC.

"Personal Financial Services"

Kramer Financial, Inc.
1-800-344-5331 (TTY)
1-888-265-6341 (VOICE)
1-301-528-6618 (FAX)
20300 Century Blvd., Germantown, MD 20874

Kramer Financial, Inc. provides financial and insurance services as a representative of Allmerica Financial Companies. Allmerica Financial Life Insurance and Annuity Company (licensed in all states except NY). First Allmerica Financial Life Insurance Company (licensed in all states).
* Securities offered through Allmerica Investments, Inc., member NASD and SIPC

01-880N (07/01)

DANVERS PLATE GLASS
AND MIRROR CO., INC.

101R HIGH STREET
DANVERS, MA 01923

CONGRATULATIONS TO

THE NEW ENGLAND HOMES FOR THE DEAF

100TH ANNIVERSARY

1901 - 2001

24 HOUR SERVICE

AUTO GLASS - STORE FRONTS

COMBINATION WINDOWS AND DOORS

TUB ENCLOSURES - LEXAN or PLEXIGLAS

(978) 777-1190
(781) 665-7300
FAX # (978) 774-9754

718-685-3500 | www.mcgladrey.com

MORE APPLAUSE

All of us at
McGladrey & Pullen, LLP
applaud and congratulate
New England Homes
for the Deaf on their
100th Anniversary.

75 YEARS
McGLADREY & PULLEN, LLP
Certified Public Accountants
Formerly Mullen & Company, LLP